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REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed 06/30/2005.

Claim 9 is allowed, claims 2, 3, 5-8 and 10 are rejected and claim 11 is objected to but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim.

In response, claims 2, 3, 5-8 and 10 are cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to re-file and prosecute these claims in a continuation application.

Claim 9 is amended as set forth above. The amendment to claim 9 is necessary in that there are antecedents for strobe signal and clock signal in the preamble of the claim. Therefore, the indefinite article "a" is replaced with the definite article "the". To retain the definite articles preceding strobe signal and clock signal as currently stands in the claim could render the claim indefinite. To prevent this conclusion the claim is amended as set forth above. This amendment does not change the substance of the claim. Therefore, it is still in a condition for allowance.

Regarding claim 11 it is rewritten in independent form and also is in condition for allowance.

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In view of this amendment applicants believe that claims 9 and 11 are now in a condition for allowance and respectfully request that the case be forwarded to the Issue Branch for issuance.

Respectfully Submitted,



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